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Pharmaceutical Dept.,  
National Aniline Div.,  
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp.,  
40 Rector Street,  
New York 6, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

At the suggestion of Dr. H. J. Cohn of the Biological Stain Commission, I am returning herewith a bottle of Eosin Y of your manufacture, containing 67 grams of the dye, for exchange.

We have been using about 400 gms. per annum of this dye for the preparation of Eosin-Methylene Blue Agar (according to Levine), and have found other lots of Eosin Y (especially NE-22) and your Methylene Blue Hydrochloride to be very satisfactory. Lots NE-23 and NE-24 have proven, however, to be most unsuitable for this purpose, particularly insofar as they impart a metallic sheen to the surface of the agar, and appear to be unduly inhibitory to bacterial growth. Dr. Cohn informed me that there have been other complaints on these batches, but suggested that you might be willing to accept our present stock for replacement.

We would appreciate this courtesy very much.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,  
Assistant Professor of Genetics